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I had a talk with Foster Dulles this morning about various diplomatic appointments [redacted] General Eisenhower and he were contemplating, such as filling the Embassies in Moscow, Italy, India, etc. The only one of those discussed which has been definitely decided upon is Clare Luce for Italy. This for various reasons is not to my mind a happy selection but there is nothing to be done about it.

Phyllis and Douglas Dillon came to lunch with us and we spent three hours talking to them about the set-up in the Embassy in Paris. They are a fine couple and I am sure will do extremely well there.

I had a talk with Messrs. Matthews, Perkins and Bonbright regarding the various six-nation organizations and the suggestion that Tomlinson be brought home to make a report on recent developments.

I became today a Consultant of the Department, [redacted] am still occupying my old office and being paid $50.00 a day to do it.

Alice Leone Moats came to the house tonight with a gift of artificial flowers from her mother sent up from Mexico City. She gave us a good deal of local Mexican gossip.

Bedell Smith and his wife, the Fosters, and the Matthews came for dinner.

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